

MIDDLE GRADES WORLD LANGUAGE

CERTIFICATE

Grades 5 – 8

The Middle Grades World Language Certificate is valid for assignment as a Middle Grades World Language teacher in grades 5 - 8 in Rhode Island public schools. Educators can attain Middle Grades certification in the following ways:

Option 1: Middle Grades World Language (Stand Alone)

Option 2: Extend an Elementary Education Teacher certificate or

Option 3: Extend a Secondary Grades World Language Certificate

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

Requirements for Option 1: (Stand Alone)

To be issued a certificate in Middle Grades World Language an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of Middle Grades World Language Teacher
- Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student Teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field Experience prior to Student Teaching
- Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Other requirements:
 - College Major or Equivalent in a specific World Language or a closely related field
 - OR
 - Earn a minimum of 21 credits in World Language

Requirements for Option 2: Extend an Elementary Education Teacher Certificate:

- Hold an Elementary Education Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
 - Complete a minimum of 45 hours of Practicum in this certificate area
 - Earn 21 semester hours to include coursework in EACH of the following areas:
 - Intermediate Grammar and Conversation
 - Advanced Grammar and Conversation
 - Literature
 - Culture/Civilization
- OR
- College Major or Equivalent in a specific World Language or a closely related field
- Complete an approved program in this certification area
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree from an approved institution

Requirements for Option 3: Extend a Secondary Grades World Language Certificate:

- Hold a Secondary World Language Certificate in a specific World Language and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
- OR
- Hold any other Secondary Grade Content Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area AND earn a minimum of 21 semester hours to include coursework in EACH of the following areas:
- Intermediate Grammar and Conversation
 - Advanced Grammar and Conversation

¹ Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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- Literature
- Culture/Civilization
- Complete a minimum of 45 hours of Practicum in this certificate area
- Complete an approved program in this certification area
- Hold a Bachelor's degree from an approved institution

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:

Requirements for Option 1 (Stand Alone):

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 160 on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching 5-9 (0623/5623) AND for French: a passing score of 162 on the French World Language (5174); For German: a passing score of 163 on the German World Language (5183); For Latin: a passing score of 161 on the Latin (0601); For Spanish: a passing score of 168 on the Spanish World Language (5195) OR For all other languages a passing score of “Advanced Low” on the Oral Proficiency Interview(OPI)
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Requirements for Option 2:Extend an Elementary Education Teacher Certificate:

- Applicants must achieve for French: a passing score of 162 on the French World Language (5174); for German: a passing score of 163 on the German World Language (5183); for Latin: a passing score of 161 on the Latin (0601); for Spanish: a passing score of 168 on the Spanish World Language (5195) OR For all other languages a passing score of “Advanced Low” on the Oral Proficiency Interview(OPI)
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Requirements for Option 3:Extend a Secondary Grades World Language Certificate:

- Applicants must achieve for French: a passing score of 162 on the French World Language (5174); For German: a passing score of 163 on the German World Language (5183); For Latin: a passing score of 161 on the Latin (0601); For Spanish: a passing score of 168 on the Spanish World Language (5195) OR For all other languages a passing score of “Advanced Low” on the Oral Proficiency Interview(OPI)
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- Completion of RI approved program from one of the following: Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, University of Rhode Island
- Reciprocity

Reciprocity Requirements

Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.